Division of Water Quality Utah Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice of Intent to Renew a Ground Water Discharge Permit Permit No. UGW350011

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on the request to renew a ground water discharge permit as described below. The ground water discharge permit is issued by the Director of the Division of Water Quality under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-106(g) Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6. Under Section 19-1-301.5, effective May 8, 2012, a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the Director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue. Utah Code Ann. 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL: http://www.le.utah.gov/xcode/Title19/Chapter1/19-1-S301.5_html?v=C19-1-S301.5_2015051220150512.

Permit information

Permittee Name: Kennecott Utah Copper, LLC

Mailing Address: 4700 Daybreak Parkway

South Jordan, UT 84095

Facility Location: The Tailings Impoundment is a 9000 acre facility north of the town of

Magna, Salt Lake County, UT.

Kennecott Utah Copper operates the Tailings Impoundment at the north end of the Oquirrh Mountains to contain tailings from copper ore mined in the Bingham Canyon Mine. The current discharge volume of the impoundment is approximately 200,000 tons per day of tailings and other permitted waste streams. The proposed renewed Ground Water Discharge Permit incorporates groundwater and surface water monitoring, and establishes protection levels for groundwater quality. UGW350011 was initially issued to Kennecott Utah Copper in 1996. Subsequent renewals of the permit were issued in 2001, 2006, and 2011. This is the fourth renewal of the UGW350011. Protection levels have been revised based on operational monitoring history.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time prior to **Wednesday**, **July 19**, **2017**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business **Wednesday**, **July 19**, **2017**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

Additional Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Ed Hickey at (801) 536-4357 or ehickey@utah.gov or by writing to the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at DWQ, 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City or on the DWQ web page at http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm

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